

It was a couple months later when the group ate their Thanksgiving turkey in what Golding referred to as "Jolly ol' England." After next celebrating Christmas with an English family, they finally received their equipment on New Years Day: tanks, trucks, 105 mm howitzers, and more.

The soldiers were rushed across the channel to Europe, but the Battle of the Bulge was over by then, so the troops were held behind the front lines, in reserve, freezing in France for six long, cold weeks.

Golding recalls an incident next that happened in a muddy orchard.

"We then pulled our trucks, heavy with ammo, into a pretty Dutch orchard, just before the frost left, leaving our trucks axle-deep in sod, eight-wheelers spinning, wench cables straining and shear pins shearing," he said. "After the tank-retriever dug us out one by one, the poor Dutchman's grove looked like a plowed field. Even the road past his farm looked plowed, ready to plant."

He also recalls a spectacular site during his time overseas serving in the Army.

"Watching the bombers go east, then back west, with bomb bays open and parachute cords trailing was thrilling—we knew our paratroopers were on the other side of the river, waiting for us to cross the Rhine River on a pontoon bridge," Golding said. "The day after on the far side of the river was a different thrill when our captain circled our trucks on a hill, visible for miles, and we took a few German artillery rounds. Not much happened where we were, I hurried dressing and moved from the 200 rounds of steel cased white phosphorus 105 mm artillery shells in our truck, which was my bed the night before."

The end of World War II was a strange sight for Golding. He recalls that he was near the Elbe River when he awoke to the scene.

"I got up one morning and wandered out the back side of our barracks and there was a whole battalion with rifles stacked and lining up at a chow truck for breakfast, it took me a minute to realize this was a German battalion getting fed, with rifles stacked, apparently unconcerned that they were in the backyard of a bunch of American G.I.s, who also seemed unconcerned," he said. "More curious than concerned."

And so, the war ended, and Golding returned home to Boone, happy for his military experience, and happy for his safe return, albeit with a few more entertaining stories than when he left.

"Compared to most, my experiences in the U.S. Army were mundane, thank the Lord," Golding said.

I commend Phil Golding for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION AT EXELON NUCLEAR'S DRESDEN GENER- ATING STATION

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the completed construction of Exelon Nuclear's Dresden Unit 1 facility, celebrating 50 years of safe, reliable, nuclear gen-

erated electricity at the Dresden site. Employees and guests will be celebrating this achievement on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

On August 1, 1960, Dresden Unit 1 entered commercial operation and became the nation's first full-scale, privately financed commercial nuclear power plant. This feat alone marks a great accomplishment in human technological advancement, but also an incredible contribution towards the advancement of our society and the growth of surrounding communities.

Construction of Dresden Unit 1 began in June of 1957 on a site at the mouth of the Illinois River near Morris, just 60 miles southwest of Chicago, and began generating electricity on April 15, 1960. Dresden Unit 1's success was followed by the completion of Dresden Units 2 and 3 in 1970 and 1971, respectively. Although Unit 1 has since been placed in dormancy, Units 2 and 3 continue to generate electricity for our local communities.

Madam Speaker, I also rise to commemorate the approximate 950 employees of the Dresden generation facility, and congratulate all employees, past and present, for their hard work and contributions towards making our communities and our country a better place to live and for showing the world of the benefits of clean and efficient nuclear energy.

With Dresden's annual contributions to the local United Way, its sponsorship of the Grundy County Corn Festival fireworks display and other donations and sponsorships to community organizations and events, the Dresden Generating Station is a shining example of social responsibility and investing in the local community.

As the 11th Congressional District is also home to Dresden's sister-plants, Braidwood and LaSalle, I am proud to represent this facility in the United States Congress and I give thanks for all of Dresden's past successes and wish it the best in the future.

RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNUAL LA PLAZA'S FIESTA

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Annual La Plaza Fiesta Indianapolis, which is held in Indiana's 7th district. La Plaza's Fiesta serves as a celebration and representation of the Hispanic culture and its contribution to the fabric of this nation.

Since 1980, La Plaza's Fiesta has been the premiere Latino cultural celebration in Indiana. It is an outdoor event held during National Hispanic Heritage Month to educate and share the Latino culture through diverse mediums including art, music, dance, food and cultural activities. La Plaza's Fiesta also celebrates the Hispanic community's contributions in business, education, government and the arts.

Year after year, La Plaza's Fiesta provides an opportunity to enrich the lives of all Americans by providing an opportunity to explore the rich and unique Hispanic heritage and traditions. La Plaza's Fiesta is a great avenue for people from all walks of life to learn that our unique cultures and histories unify—not divide us. We all have life experiences that can help

each other and our next generations, regardless of our gender, ethnicity or race.

I want to congratulate La Plaza's Fiesta Indianapolis on their 30th anniversary. In your long history, you have enriched the lives of those who attend this event, the City of Indianapolis and our Latino community. It is an honor to represent a district as culturally diverse as Indianapolis, and our great city is privileged to host this event

A TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNETTE POLLY WILLIAMS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, a dear former colleague and mentor to new legislators and a great stateswoman, Rep. Annette Polly Williams. She is the longest serving woman in the history of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Rep. Williams is retiring from public office after 30 years of outstanding service to her constituents.

Affectionately known as Polly, she was born in the Mississippi Delta region of Belzoni, Mississippi and moved to Milwaukee when she was 10 years old. She is a product of the public school system and fellow graduate of North Division High School. Rep. Williams is committed to ensuring that all children receive access to a good education. Out of her passion to and commitment for education, she became the author/mother of the nation's first true Educational Parental Choice Legislation.

Rep. Williams has made her mark in other areas. She founded the Black Women's Network, the Milwaukee Parental Assistance Center; the Black Leadership Organization. Further, she was the co-founder of the African American Alliance providing political leadership to Milwaukee's African American community; founding member of the Wisconsin African American Women's Center; and served as the co-host for the "Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club" on a local radio station for many years.

Polly is a treasure to our community and will continue her service to those in need. Whether it is someone who has lost a loved one, experienced a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina or local flooding, Polly will be there providing compassion and support.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to Rep. Annette Polly Williams. We wish her well in a retirement that is full of new challenges.

HONORING SAMUEL TABLER FOR USDA SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Samuel Tabler for his service, sacrifice and commitment to establishing stability and

security in Iraq. Tabler taught Iraqis the agriculture lessons he learned from his own experiences working for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Agricultural Research Service.

Tabler served in the Babil Province region of Iraq from 2009 to 2010. While in Iraq, he worked with the Babil Beekeepers Association and oversaw the construction of a honey processing and breeding facility. Tabler also worked to develop and introduce new technologies to area farmers that increased agricultural productivity.

By empowering Iraqis with knowledge and best practices to improve their agriculture industry Tabler has helped create opportunities for development and long-term economic viability in Iraq. Tabler's devotion to helping others in need is a great example of selfless Arkansas values. I am so proud of his accomplishments and the opportunities he helped create for Iraqi citizens.

CONGRATULATING THE GREATER
PALM BEACH AREA CHAPTER OF
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross on receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award from the International Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center for the work of chapter volunteers in their community outreach programs. This is the top honor awarded by the International Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, a national clearinghouse for persons seeking the fates of loved ones missing since the Holocaust and its aftermath.

The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter has been delivering lifesaving services for over ninety years, providing relief to victims of disasters at home and abroad, teaching lifesaving skills, and supporting military members and families. This chapter, which covers most of the 23rd Congressional district, serves the counties of Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, and Palm Beach, and reaches a population of 1.5 million residents. The Red Cross has operated this specialized tracing service for the past 19 years.

I commend the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter's leadership, staff and volunteers for their commitment to engage the community and diligently manage the influx of new requests to the Red Cross Holocaust Tracing Center. The Tracing Service offers to search for information about missing and deceased family members through personal services that are comprehensive, confidential and free of charge. The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter has engaged the local Jewish communities, agencies and volunteers through notable educational outreach programs.

The Outstanding Chapter Award will be presented to volunteer leaders from the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at a special luncheon celebrating the Tracing Center's 20th anniversary in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 27, 2010, featuring keynote speaker Gail McGovern, the

President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross provides an exemplary paradigm for providing support and answers to Holocaust survivors and their families. The Tracing Center is seventy percent successful in its tracing cases, having reunited 1,500 families and provided documents such as birth certificates and concentration camp records to others.

Madam Speaker, I am especially pleased with this Chapter's award because, in a sense, it brings my involvement with the Tracing Service full circle. Years ago I, along with several of my colleagues, was a strong advocate for opening the Tracing Service's archives to the public and worked with the German government and the International Committee of the Red Cross to do so. In opening the archive in 2007, Germany and the ICRC provided an invaluable service to humanity. The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter award demonstrates the extent to which thousands of Holocaust survivors and their families in South Florida have benefited from this service.

Madam Speaker, the Center for Information on Holocaust Restitution estimates that five to ten survivors die each day. The urgency of affected family members initiating tracing services cannot be overstated. My local Red Cross has shown true dedication in assisting families in telling the stories of those who perished in the Holocaust, in discovering names and dates that have long been thought to be lost, and in giving families the necessary information so that they may pass on legacies and the truth. The Tracing Center's motto says it best: "Every Answer is a Gift."

Again, congratulations to the Greater Palm Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross on gaining national recognition for their enduring commitment to Holocaust survivors, their families, and the memory of those who were lost.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, this week the House pauses to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our nation some nine years ago. My district suffered casualties that day, including Cranbury, New Jersey businessman Todd Beamer. Todd's words, "Let's Roll", were the prelude to the first act in striking back against the terrorist who had hijacked Flight 93. His sacrifice and that of the other passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 undoubtedly save many lives that terrible day. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Lisa, and his children, David, Drew, and Morgan Kay, and to all the other families who lost loved ones on that day.

Nine years later, the memory of that terrible day remains fresh for those who lost someone dear to them. At the memorial service in Middletown in my district, we recalled the names of the fallen, including Stephen Cangialosi, Kathleen Hunt, Robert Parks, Edward Desimone, and Brendan and Roseanne Lang—just some of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. My thoughts also turned to Richard Guadagno, formerly of Tren-

ton and the manager of the Humbolt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, who perished on Flight 93. We owe debt of gratitude to the families of the victims for pressing for an investigation into how the attacks happened and how to prevent future tragedies. Kristin Breitweiser, Nikki Stern, Ginny Bauer, and other affected families from across the country demonstrated the power of citizen action. We will never forget these people, nor the courage and dedication of those they left behind and who continue to remind of us of the need to honor their memory and their sacrifice.

I've spent many of my years in Congress since the 9/11 attacks working to prevent a repeat of that tragedy. We are safer today in many ways than before 9/11, but there is still much for us to do. The best way we can honor those Americans who lost their lives on that day is to continue working to make our country safer still. Osama bin Laden and his band of murderers inflicted great physical harm on our country and our citizens, but neither he nor terrorists like him will never be able to break our spirit or cause us to walk away from our friends around the world.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARNEGIE WEST LIBRARY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Carnegie West Library, a cornerstone of the Cleveland Public Library system, located in the heart of Cleveland's historic Ohio City neighborhood.

Named after American visionary and leader in the advancement of libraries, Andrew Carnegie, the ornate building was designed by internationally renowned architect Edward Tilton. Built by artisans, craftsman and stone experts, the restored exterior of the building is graced with the beauty of terracotta, red brick, limestone, intricate floral motifs and medallions. The interior is highlighted with original painted murals that reflect scenes from classic children's literature.

Throughout the past century, the programs and services have expanded, yet the mission of the library has remained the same: to provide a creative environment where imagination is inspired and where learning flourishes. The Carnegie West Library offers numerous programs and services to patrons of all ages—including computer classes, film festivals and workshops. Additionally, the Library has a legacy of strong neighborhood bonds and community outreach. The Carnegie West Library provides free lunches and reading clubs for children after school and during the summer months.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the founding members, dedicated staff, volunteers and every patron of the Carnegie West Library. For an entire century, this library has inspired and enriched the minds and hearts of tens of thousands of visitors of all ages. Their vision "to be the learning place for a diverse community, inspiring people of all ages with the love of books and reading, advancing the pursuit of